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Community Mosquito Control Applications Planned for Empire, East, Northeast and Southwest of Modesto

Modesto, CA: East Side Mosquito Abatement District has scheduled aerial mosquito control applications for approximately 7,959 acres over Empire, and east, northeast and southwest communities of Modesto. The application is focused on reducing the number of mosquitoes and limit the risk of local transmission of mosquito-borne viruses including West Nile virus. The aerial treatments are planned for Saturday, August 31, 2024 between 9:00 pm and 11:00 pm, and be rescheduled for the same time on Sunday, September 1, 2024 in case of inclement weather.

The aerial adult mosquito control application will use Dibrom® applied at rate of 0.75 fluid ounces per acre targeting adult mosquitoes. Vector Disease Control, Inc (VDCI), a mosquito control company operating out of Sacramento, California shall conduct the applications. According to District Manager Wakoli Wekesa, "the District is publishing this additional announcement due to community interest and future large-scale applications will similarly be publicized," however members of the public are advised to check our [website](#) for maps of new large-scale treatment areas every week through September.

Residents in the targeted areas of Empire, east, northeast and southwest Modesto ([see attached map](#)) should take the necessary precaution of keeping windows closed and, if possible, staying indoors once the aircrafts fly over their neighborhood for a few minutes. Homeowners are urged to keep children indoors, same with pets, and cover backyard fishponds covered as a precaution during and a couple of hours after spray time. Additional information and the intended spray area can be found on the District website; also, please call the District at (209) 522-4098 or visit www.eastsidemosquito.com.

How residents can help reduce mosquitoes:

- **Dump and Drain Standing Water:** Mosquitoes lay eggs in and near standing water. Mosquitoes only need a tablespoon of water to lay eggs. Potted plant saucers are the leading breeding source for the invasive *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. Limit the number of places mosquitoes can breed by dumping and draining items that hold water.

Prevent mosquito bites:

- Wear insect repellent. [EPA-registered ingredients](#) such as DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 (as directed on the product label).
- Check window and door screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

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